

## Midwest Twister Toll Terrible

**Iowan, 21, Drowns**  
CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — Thomas Darling, 21, of Cedar Rapids drowned while swimming with two friends Wednesday in the Cedar River at Paliades Kieper State Park, about 15 miles southeast of here.

Officers said he slipped under the water after apparently developing cramps. The body was found in about 10 feet of water.

**Image Enters Race**  
BALTIMORE (AP) — Peter Fuller entered Dancer's Image, who was disqualified as winner of the Kentucky Derby, in the \$110,000-added Preakness today.

The entry of Dancer's Image came after Fuller had consulted by telephone with suspended trainer Lou Cavalieri.

**Trucker Saves Baby**  
SOUTH CHARLESTON, W. Va. — Taxi driver Donnie Beckett saw a 11-month-old baby crawling down the median strip of heavily traveled U.S. 60. He pulled his cab across the highway, blocked rush-hour traffic and rushed the child to the sidewalk. After knocking on several doors he returned the baby to the mother.

**Voting Age Movement**  
BALTIMORE, Md. (AP) — A young peoples movement is being started here to have the voting age in Maryland lowered to 19. The leader, Larry Young, hopes to unite youth groups and young veterans returning from Vietnam.

**2nd Teen-ager Dies**  
IOWA CITY (AP) — A second Marion teen-ager died Wednesday night as the result of a two-car accident Monday, near Walker.

Pam Chesley, 17, died at University Hospitals in Iowa City. Katherine Meier, 18, of Marion, died shortly after the accident.

Authorities said the sports car in which the two girls were riding went out of control and crashed broadside into another car on Highway 50.

**War Horse Is Dead**  
CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — Sgt. Reckless, the Marine Corps' famous war horse of the Korean conflict, is dead of battle injuries and old age.

The Mongolian mare, purchased at a Korean race track for \$250, earned her place as a Marine Corps heroine while carrying ammunition to the hard-pressed troops of a recoilless rifle platoon of the 1st Division.

**Fresh Grave Flowers**  
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Fresh flowers will be placed on the grave of the late Gov. Lurleen Wallace twice a week for the next year.

A Montgomery florist said the flood of orders for floral arrangements became so heavy that, at the request of the family, he stopped filling them last Thursday morning—the day of Mrs. Wallace's funeral.

Two of the unfilled orders will be delivered to the grave each week, the florist said, and there are enough of them to last a year.

**Teachers Surveyed**  
DES MOINES (AP) — More than 61 per cent of 10,376 high school teachers surveyed in Iowa are not teaching subjects in their major fields of preparation, the Iowa Department of Public Instruction reports.

The survey also disclosed that only slightly more than 27 per cent are teaching only subjects in their major field.

**15-Year Prison Term**  
SIOUX CITY (AP) — Floyd K. Peterson, 51, of Seattle, Wash., was given a 15-year prison term and fined \$1,000 Wednesday after pleading guilty to charges of manslaughter and assault with intent to commit murder.

He was charged in the Dec. 4 death of Mrs. Vesper (Vickie) McGuire, 47, Sioux City, who was fatally shot on a Sioux City street as she sat in a taxi cab.

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### River Stages

La Crosse 5.6 rise 4  
Lansing 7.9 rise 2  
Dum No. 9 12.7 rise 5  
McGregor 7.1 rise 1  
Guttenberg 5.1 rise 3  
Dubuque 8.2 rise 3  
Davenport 6.1 rise 1 foot  
Muscatine 6.22 rise 12  
Burlington 8.8 rise 4

### 70 Killed In 9 States

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

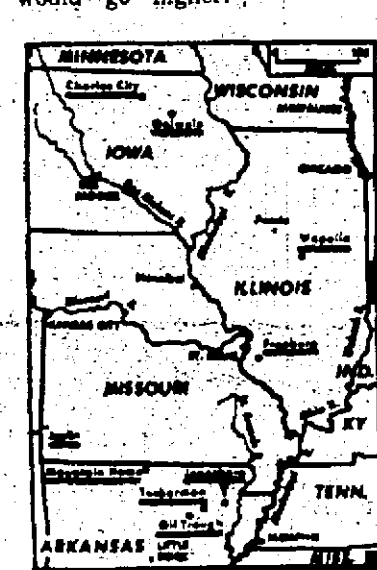
A massive outbreak of tornadoes slammed at the nation's midsection late Wednesday, killing more than 70 persons; injuring several hundred and leaving a trail of damage estimated in the millions of dollars.

The toll of deaths in the twisters and severe thunderstorms climbed to 72 today, with 48 dead in Arkansas alone. Iowa counted 14 dead, Illinois 8, Missouri and Indiana 1 each.

Hardest hit was the northeastern Arkansas university city of Jonesboro, which counted 33 dead and more than 350 injured. Arkansas State Police reported 10 dead at the little town of Oil Trough, a community of 235 residents which eyewitnesses said was virtually destroyed. Three died at Mountain Home and two were killed at Tuckerman, all within 100 miles of Jonesboro.

The rash of tornadoes — the Weather Bureau reported more than 30 in a nine-state area from Kansas to Ohio — erupted as a strong cold front clashed with warm, humid temperatures in the mid 80s.

Two died at Wapella, in central Illinois. Communication was lacking with Wapella, and authorities feared the toll there would go higher.



**Tornado Areas**  
Underlined are communities in Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois and Iowa hit by tornadoes late Wednesday. (AP Photofax Map) (See story above.)

### 10 Dead or Missing in London

## Big Apartment Building Falls

LONDON (AP) — The side of a brand-new 23-floor apartment building in London's East End collapsed after an explosion at dawn today. Ten persons perished or are missing.



### Building Collapses in London

Spectators view the section of a new 23-story building which collapsed after an explosion in the East End of London today. A spokesman for the London Fire Brigade said rooms in apartments from the top to the bottom of the building had collapsed. Fifteen people were feared killed and many were injured.

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One man on the 19th floor slept through the whole thing. "We smashed his door down and he came out in his pajamas and said, 'What the hell's going on? Then he saw his living room had disappeared,'" a fireman said.

One survivor, Harry Heal, said the blast woke him and he went out onto the terrace of his seventh floor apartment. "Looking straight up, it was clear right up to the roof," he said. "It looked as if the whole side had burst out."

Police evacuated the building and set up a reception center for the 80 families made homeless.

The block-size building, known as Ronan Point, was completed two months ago. The first of the 280 persons it housed moved in only a few weeks back.

**THE WEATHER**  
Cooler tonight, lows in 40s. Fair and continued cool Friday. High Wednesday 73, low during night 48. Rain, 1.58 inches.

### Oelwein Tornado Damage

A tenant of the demolished Grand Hotel on Main Street in the northeast Iowa town of Oelwein holds his cased shotgun which he recovered from the tornado-struck building Wednesday. Tornado also ripped communities in Arkansas and Illinois.

(AP Photofax) (See stories at left and right.)

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### Charles City, Oelwein Hit

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Separate tornadoes ripped paths of devastation through two northeast Iowa cities late Wednesday, leaving at least 14 dead and property damage reckoned in the millions of dollars.

The Red Cross said 2,000 homes in a 165-square block area were destroyed with major damage to another 1,000 homes and 15 businesses destroyed in Charles City.

It said 367 persons at Charles City were injured with 150 still hospitalized this morning, and 326 were injured in Oelwein, with 30 still in the hospital.

Gov. Harold Hughes flew to the stricken cities to view the damage and extend state help this morning. He was told by Oelwein Mayor Sam Mazzioti that damage in that community would run into "a conservative \$14 million."

Mazzioti also said three of the injured were in critical condition, and seven persons were missing.

There were fears the death toll would rise as workers searched the debris.

Authorities counted 11 persons dead in Charles City. Another death was reported at Oelwein, and two more at the small town of Maynard, just north of Oelwein.

An insurance adjuster, Hal Lubbert of Mason City, estimated damage in Charles City at \$18 million.

### Local Men Sent To Aid Oelwein

Iowa Electric Light and Power Company, which provides gas service to Oelwein, called in emergency crews from other cities, including Muscatine, to restore service damaged by the tornado.

Rollie Morgan, manager of the Muscatine division of Iowa Electric, said eight men left here at 5 a.m. today with four service trucks and a car. They will probably be at Oelwein for several days.

Gas service personnel going to Oelwein were: Ed Lange, 609 Barry, operating superintendent; Richard Schumacher, 1013 Climber; Albert Schumacher, 204 Mary Place; John S. Brade, 302 Gilbert; Danny Bean, 1712 Bryan Ave.; Tom Van Est, 115 Walters; Ralph Han, Nichols; and Larry Green, Lone Tree.

### Students Lend Hands

**CHARLES CITY (AP)** — Many of this city's angels of mercy had long hair and sideburns.

Responding to the plight of the tornado-stricken town, nearly 100 students from high schools, junior colleges and universities deserted their studies to offer help.

The students helped the injured and homeless, assisted in the clearing of rubble and offered support to Red Cross and civil defense officials.

Two 19-year-old pre-medical students, John Wilson of Colfax, and Jim Shum of Iowa Falls, made countless ambulance runs to bring injured persons to the hospital or Red Cross headquarters.

Looting caused a problem until National Guardsmen and law enforcement authorities sealed off the downtown area.

Not more than 20 minutes after the twister hit "the thieves were at it," stealing articles from damaged stores, said Sheriff L. L. Lane.

### Mayor Urges Renewing

**OELWEIN (AP)** — "This town will come back," said determined Mayor Samuel Mazzioti as Thursday dawned on the rubble of his tornado-ravaged community.

The mayor called a meeting of all business owners to discuss ways of reopening damaged stores, and he asked federal officials for financial aid.

"I'm going to urge all businessmen to rebuild," he said.

The roar of heavy machinery broke the quiet of the early dawn as workers began clearing fallen trees and wreckage of homes and business establishments.

Scores of volunteer workers

gathered into the community